

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Thursday, 2 April 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Kirkpatrick, Amory

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to the second item in today's Log respecting [REDACTED] and asked whether the action indicated therein was taken as the result of a request from headquarters or was done on the initiative of the [REDACTED]. Mr. Wisner noted that we had been operating on the policy that [REDACTED] was "bad news" and he assumed that the action in question had been coordinated with the Ambassador; however, he would determine the facts in this case and report them to the Director.

b. Referred to the most recent information on the [REDACTED] Situation" as contained in [REDACTED] and stated that (1) the position taken in [REDACTED] was sound; (2) we should hold any further action on this case in abeyance until the extent of [REDACTED] disclosure of [REDACTED] CIA status had been determined.

c. Briefly reported on his meeting with [REDACTED] in connection with the CIA budget and noted that this meeting had gone especially well and in fact our proposed budget had not been reduced.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that Mr. C. D. Jackson had requested CIA to furnish him with background information and an analysis of several recent articles written by Harrison Salisbury and in this connection noted an article in the current New Leader which would be of interest to Mr. Jackson. After some discussion, the Director asked Mr. Wisner to advise Mr. Jackson of the existence of this article and stated that this Agency should steer clear of making reports on newspapermen.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Noted a news item respecting the appearance of Dr. George Gallup before Senator Hickenlooper's Committee, and Gallup's proposal that the U. S. should start spending from two to five billion dollars a year on propaganda or risk losing the ideological war with Russia. After some discussion, the Director indicated his intention to speak to Dr. Gallup on this matter.

b. Stated that the briefings for the White House Staff had been started and the first one had gone off in good order.

c. Gave a brief report on the situation in Indo China and Iran.

d. Stated he had asked OCI to publish a round up of the British-Chilean hassle over Deception Island.

Mr. Amory:

Noted that he had been advised by Stewart Alsop that he (Alsop) intended to do an article on Malenkov and would get in touch with [redacted] for background information. [redacted]

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